So far as the other portion is concerned, the discussion has to be ruled out for the simple reason that it is not a matter of recent occurrence or of any urgency. The demand made on behalf of some groups in the Indian National Congress that they should have a controlling voice in the internal affairs of Indian States has been by no means a recent matter. It is a perfectly natural attitude because if it be considered that Federation is a pressing problem or is expected or hoped or feared to emerge very shortly, and if it be remembered that the Lower Federal House consists of 375 members of whom 125 appertain to the States and 250 to British India and that out of the 250 the Mahommadans are 83. It is obvious that the Congress cannot form a ministry or control the Federation unless they have either Mahommedans or the Indian States on their side. Naturally, it is the political task as well as the preoccupation of the Congress to get the Indian States on their side or under their control and it is natural for a powerful political body like the Indian National Congress to intervene in the internal affairs of the Indian States and build up their own organisations within the States. If honourable members of this House were in their position, they would probably do the same thing. At the same time, it has been the declared policy of this State to run its own administration without outside dictation and they will endeavour to see that no interference by outside bodies is tolerated or encouraged within the State. All these currents and cross-currents have been in operation for some years although recent months have witnessed an intensification, and the statement referred to by the mover does not therefore raise a topic of recent and urgent importance.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I wish to make a statement. I move that Demand No. XIII which comes up for discussion today may be postponed on account of certain administrative difficulties so as to enable it to come up after Demand No. XIV. This arrangement may kindly be permitted to be adopted.

PRESIDENT: It has come to my notice that all the papers relating to the Police Demand have been sent over to the Inspector-General of Police who had been unavoidably prevented from reaching here last evening as it was programmed. He is expected this evening and, that being so, his subject may be taken up to-morrow morning and necessary arrangements made accordingly.

(The sense of the House was ascertained and the President announced that arrangements may be made on that basis.)

NEW MEMBER.

At this stage Mr. K. R. Narayana Iyer took the oath and signed the rolls.

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